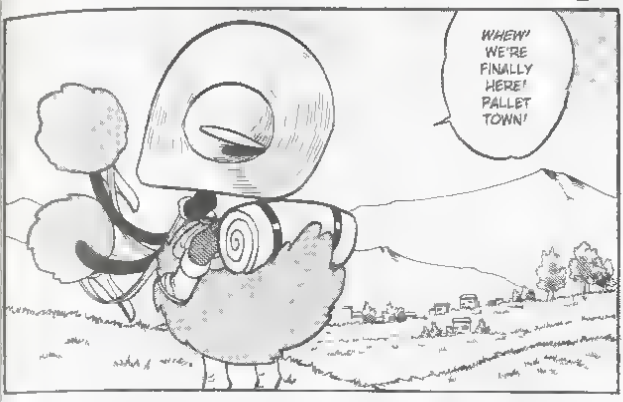
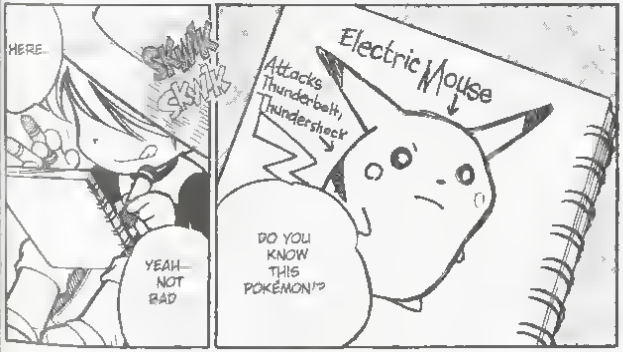
CHAPTER 42


WHEW! WE'RE FINALLY HERE! PALLET TOWN!

HEY! YOU THERE!

I NEED SOME INFORMATION! I'M LOOKING FOR...


HERE.
CRUNCH
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YEAH— NOT BAD
Electric Mouse
Attacks Thunder-bolt, Thundershock
DO YOU KNOW THIS POKÉMON!?

DO DO THAT DODUO

KWEEEEEH
BRUNO
RUSTLE!
PRO-FESSOR! C-COULD RED BE—
MISTY... IF PIKACHU IS IN THIS CONDITION I MUST CONCLUDE
THAT RED WAS DEFEATED BY THE ONE WHO SENT THIS LETTER
A TRAINER BY THE NAME OF BRUNO!
RED? BEATEN!? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
BUT WHAT ELSE COULD EXPLAIN THIS... PIKACHU COMING BACK INJURED WITHOUT RED!?
KWEEEEEEH
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! I'M GOING TO CONTACT EVERYONE AND ASK FOR THEIR HELP! MISTY, CONTACT ALL THE GYM LEADERS ABOUT THIS SITUATION!
I'M ON IT!
PHIP
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HELLO
? WHO ARE YOU!?
?
L-LISTEN, I HAVE A SITUATION HERE SO IF YOU COULD COME BACK LATER.
GLANCE
GLANCE
KRIIIII
OH! IT'S HERE! IT'S REALLY HERE!

IT'S JUST LIKE THEY TOLD ME!
I KNEW IT! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK TO PALLET TOWN!
BAM
WHA
H-H-HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU KNEW!? KNEW WHAT!?
WAIT, WAIT! TOO MANY QUES-TIONS AT ONCE!
HEY THERE!
PIKA!
PIKA-CHU KNOWS HIM!?

OKAY! LET'S GO!
CLICK
GAK!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?
YOU BARGE IN HERE YOU SAY YOU GRAB YOU. WHAT IS THIS!?
DO YOU KNOW RED!?
YES
DID YOU COME HERE KNOWING THAT HE WAS MISSING!?
YES.
WHERE IS RED NOW!?
I DON'T KNOW
HOW DID YOU LEARN THAT RED WAS MISSING AND THAT PIKACHU WAS BACK IN PALLET TOWN!?
THAT I CAN'T TELL YOU
WHAT'S YOUR NAME!?
SORRY NOT THAT EITHER.

THIS IS RIDI-CUL-OUS!
ON WHAT GROUNDS DO YOU--
PRO-FESSOR.
I'M GOING WITH PIKACHU TO FIND THE MISSING RED THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE
IT'S INSANE! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO--
IF, BY CHANCE, RED IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY SOME UNKNOWN FORCE
HELD CAPTIVE!?
I WILL FREE HIM!

SSS...
BUM
RED IS THE CURRENT CHAMPION OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! HE'S BEEN HONING HIS SKILLS IN BATTLE FOR TWO YEARS! AND HE WAS DEFEATED!
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED PIKACHU'S CONDITION!? WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO...AGAINST WHOEVER DID *THAT*!?
FURY ATTACK!
DO YOU THINK I'D TRUST RED'S SURVIVAL TO AN ARROGANT GREENHORN LIKE YOU!?
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE SKILL TO SAVE HIM, THEN SHOW ME--BY ENDING *THIS* BATTLE!
I MIGHT JUST DO THAT.
DODUO

WHIRL-WIND!
MIRROR MOVE!
KEEP WHIRL-ING!
WHIRL-WIND VS MIRROR MOVE
YOU'VE MANAGED TO BLOCK MY ATTACK...BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN THROUGH TO ME!
RED WOULD HAVE FOUND A WAY TO BLAST THROUGH SPEAROW'S MIRROR MOVE BY NOW!
SINCE NEITHER OF OUR ATTACKS IS REACHING THE OTHER. WHAT DO YOU DO? PRESS ON OR RETREAT?

WOOH
I DON'T DOUBT THAT YOU HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT RED — AND PROBABLY THINK YOU CAN SAVE HIM.
IS IT FAIR TO SAY... THAT YOUR HANDS ARE TIED?
BUT IF THIS IS YOUR BEST, YOU'RE BETTER OFF STAYING OUT OF THE WAY!
DODUO!
PIDG
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WHIP
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TMTMTM
SPRK
VSH!
UNDP!
?
?
BUYING SOME TIME...?

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VP
VP
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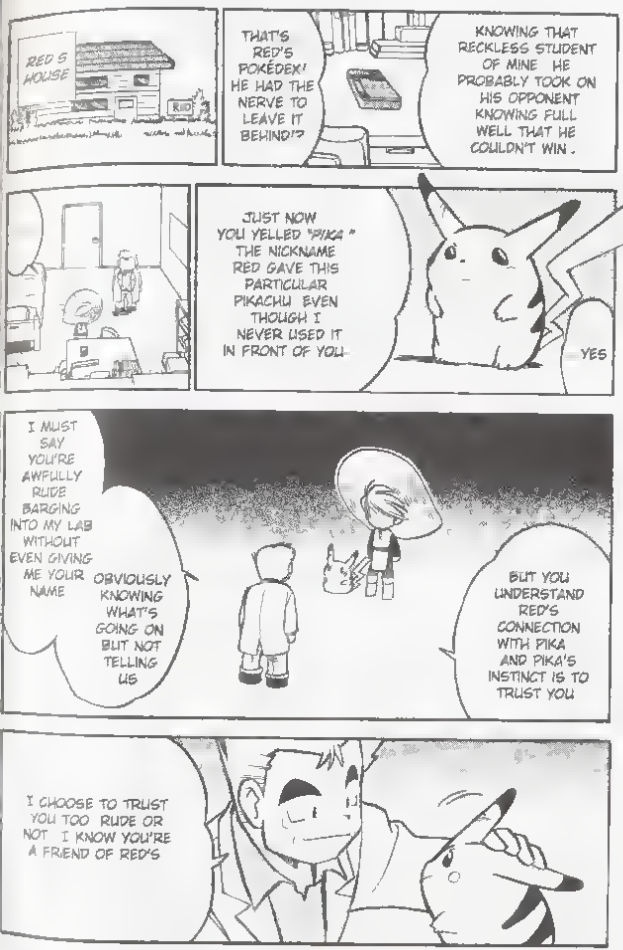
WRKL
WRKL
WRKL
WOOOOOR
PIKA!
!
HEY! THAT DOESN'T COUNT! YOU YOU CAN'T SETTLE THIS BY MAKING THEM BOTH DIZZY!

YOU TOLD ME TO END THE BATTLE!
BUT... BUT...!
heh
JUST BE GLAD THAT NEITHER POKÉMON GOT HURT
!
TH-- THAT'S RIGHT!!
MY SPEAROW NEVER HAD TO TAKE THE OPPONENT'S ATTACK. IT DOESN'T HAVE A SCRATCH!
AND HIS DODUO -- PROTECTING ITSELF WITH ITS WHIRLWIND COUNTER-ATTACK AGAIN NOT A SCRATCH
HE FOUGHT ME TO A STANDSTILL WITH SUCH CONTROL THAT NEITHER POKÉMON WAS HURT IN THE LEAST --
YOU COME WITH ME


RED'S HOUSE
THAT'S RED'S POKÉDEX! HE HAD THE NERVE TO LEAVE IT BEHIND!?
KNOWING THAT RECKLESS STUDENT OF MINE HE PROBABLY TOOK ON HIS OPPONENT KNOWING FULL WELL THAT HE COULDN'T WIN.
JUST NOW YOU YELLED "PIKA" THE NICKNAME RED GAVE THIS PARTICULAR PIKACHU EVEN THOUGH I NEVER USED IT IN FRONT OF YOU.
YES
I MUST SAY YOU'RE AWFULLY RUDE BARGING INTO MY LAB WITHOUT EVEN GIVING ME YOUR NAME
OBVIOUSLY KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON BUT NOT TELLING US
BUT YOU UNDERSTAND RED'S CONNECTION WITH PIKA AND PIKA'S INSTINCT IS TO TRUST YOU
I CHOOSE TO TRUST YOU TOO RUDE OR NOT I KNOW YOU'RE A FRIEND OF RED'S

RED IS PRETTY TOUGH.
I DON'T THINK HE'S DEAD, AT LEAST. SO TAKE THIS POKEDEX AND PIKACHU TO HIM.
. I WILL
WAIT A MIN-UTE. .
DID PIKA SUDDENLY GET WELL WHEN THAT KID TOUCHED HIM
??
OR WAS THAT JUST MY IMAGINA TION ..
COME ON, PIKA! LET'S GO!